

Sinclair Broadcasting is engaging in partisan politics and masquerading as presenting responsible, free, and fair journalism. They have a responsibility to serve the public interest consistent with the ideals and standards of a free press in a free society. This decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.